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For President---1912 WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT, Of Ohio.

MERELY A PERSONAL ATTACK.

The Carson News has been boosting Warden Baker right along for the good work that he is doing, and now turns around and says that he is incompetent and has mismanaged the prison affairs. The News is not true to itself or to the party that it did represent, or to the people of the state of Nevada, in boosting a man that was under the control of the republican administration, for they, as well as the News, must have known that something was "rotten in Carson," if Baker was doing wrong in his supervision of the state prison. The wrong doing must fall upon the heads of the republican administration of this state, and they alone. The News has not proven anything to the detriment of Warden Baker. It silly accuses him of taking luncheon with a pretty lady at Mona Springs. The News' editor would be ungallant to the "specie that is more deadlier, etc." if he refused such an invitation. The fight against Baker by the News is evidently a dirty personal one and has only brought censure upon the republican administration of this state.

PREDICTS TAFT'S RENOMINATION.

Taft on the first ballot! This is the announcement made by the New York Herald after a careful and impartial investigation of the situation in the republican party. The New York Herald is peculiarly fitted for a task of this sort because it is a democratic newspaper, not affected by bias for any republican candidate and concerned only with facts and figures. When it is remembered that the New York Herald has picked every republican nominee since Hayes two months in advance of the conventions in which they were nominated, it will be seen that the announcement of the Herald that Taft will be the nominee of the republican party this year when it is made by such authority is not mere guess work. This paper has a reputation to sustain in this line.

The Herald refused to make any predictions until their investigators had ample time to consider the effect of the announcement that Roosevelt would run for the third term. In making their computations they made generous allowances for possible landslides for Roosevelt, even in the states where it is clearly indicated that there will be no landslides. The Herald figures show that the "coming back" of Roosevelt did not have anywhere near the effect that the Colonel was expecting. The boom collapsed as soon as it was launched, and wobbled in a more ludicrous fashion every day.

In fact it is apparent to the Roosevelt boomers at this time that the announcement of the Colonel's order for a third cup of coffee has lost him thousands of adherents. Roosevelt, the admitted candidate, has damaged Roosevelt, the unannounced candidate, beyond repair. In making a forecast before the Colonel announced that he would take the nomination if it were tendered him and move heaven and earth to have it tendered to him, the investigators would have had a difficult task. Roosevelt's strength was then an unknown quantity. But now he has given an unprejudiced authority an opportunity to weigh and measure it. This authority allows on the first ballot 593 delegates for William Howard Taft and 277 for Colonel Roosevelt. This means that Taft will have 54 more votes than the necessary majority.

Such are the indications today. Later developments will show a stronger revulsion from Roosevelt, for even his staunchest supporters will not maintain that he will gain strength. He is living upon the past, and the best that his supporters can hope to do is to prevent his losing prestige to a greater extent. In the meantime the appreciation of Taft and of the accomplishments of the Taft administration is growing every day. The president will be renominated by a greater majority than is allowed by the New York Herald.

"Let's play a new way," urges the lad who sees his store of marbles dwindling. "Let's have a primary," urges the grown-up who sees his hopes of winning in the regular way dwindling away.

FOR A SINGLE PRESIDENTIAL TERM.

The Springfield Republican is looking for trouble and membership in the Ananias club. It dislikes imperialism and not only opposes a third presidential term in any event, but it would limit the president's tenure of office to a single term, which might be increased to six years. A constitutional amendment to that effect would forever deprive this country of the pleasure and benefit of a Roosevelt dynasty. The Republican's plan would also tend to keep the president out of practical politics; and of this it says:

The entire officeholding contingent could under such a status be better kept out of politics. Even if some president sought to impose the man of his choice on the country, the people would be much less likely under the new conditions to permit him to do it. Public sentiment would insist that a president attend closely to his own job, and leave the people to look after theirs without suggestion of interference from the man in the White House.

Very many of our present political troubles would be done away with at one stroke by electing the chief magistrate for one term only, and the addition of two years to the present term would be a desirable part of the change. In fact, the complications of 1912 constitute a powerful argument for this departure. We believe that the country is ripe for the change, and would welcome it. All the arguments which were made for it some thirty-eight years ago have been reinforced by the experiences of the American people since then. They are plainly against the third-term idea, or the claim of any one man that he is essential to the popular leadership and the on-going of reforms. Our democracy as framed by the wise fathers is broad-based and to declare full faith in it by the fundamental action and prohibition that is proposed would be a good thing for the republic.

In the light of current events, "the experience of the American people" seems to be a veiled allusion to a certain personage who is now claiming that "he is essential to the popular leadership and the on-going of reforms." To say that the change "would be a good thing for the republic" is a direct attack on that personage's right to hold the office of president as long as he pleases and thus to pass it on to whom he chooses.

IT DOES SPEAK FOR ITSELF.

We agree with Collier's Weekly that the following incident, as written by Colonel Watterson for his own paper, speaks for itself:

Before speaking to Governor Wilson, I spoke to his managers about the Ryan suggestion, and like Roosevelt and Harriman, being practical men, they were in no wise shocked, but, on the contrary, highly pleased. When I spoke to Governor Wilson, he hesitated and thought the name of Ryan, if it got out, would do more harm than good, and declined to accept what he declared rather rudely to be dirty coin. That, of course, settled it.

Against this refusal of Woodrow Wilson to run for president of the United States on a campaign fund contributed by a trust magnate consider Roosevelt's grabbing of Harriman's money, as recorded in the now famous Sheldon letters, and his acceptance of financial support from George W. Perkins of the harvester trust and other special interests in his present campaign. Against it consider also the Wall street combination against Wilson. The incident does speak for itself and very much to the credit of Governor Woodrow Wilson.

THUS SPAKE ZARATHUSTRA.

All letters in which I am made to say that I would not be a candidate in 1912 are, if unpublished, base fabrications and inventions. If published, such letters show that the person responsible for their publication is an infamous coward, liar and reactionary.

All such letters were written subject to the recall and are hereby recalled; and it would be a genuine calamity and deeply embarrassing to me if they were not recalled.

Everybody opposed to the popular demand for me is in form and substance and for the consecutive term of his life Ananias and anathema.

AN HONEST LAWYER.

At a banquet given the other day by the San Francisco Bar association, Attorney Gavin McNab responded to the toast, "The Thesis," and this is what he said:

"All that the lawyers strive for these days are four things: First, to do nothing; second, to prevent the other fellow from doing anything; third, to get continuances, and, fourth, to collect their fees."

The San Francisco Bar association now want to expel him for telling the truth and exposing their shell game to the public. Funny, ain't it?

Pensions for everyone is the logical end of the craze, the latest phase of which is a bill to pension members of the state militia for long service. Why should the workers and producers pay all and get nothing? Lazy men who get soft jobs loafing around armories can hold on for twenty-five years to qualify for the proposed pension graft. With so little real work to do, they have plenty of time to act as ward-heeders for political bosses in the fruitful field of young recruits just entitled to a vote.

"Scott found it," says Amundson. And to carry it out properly Scott's first statement on returning to civilization should be "Amundson found it." Quite a change from the "I found it, you didn't" refrain of the Cook-Perry duet.

Militant suffragettes engaged in the pleasurable occupation of scrubbing jail floors probably feel Spankhurst.

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